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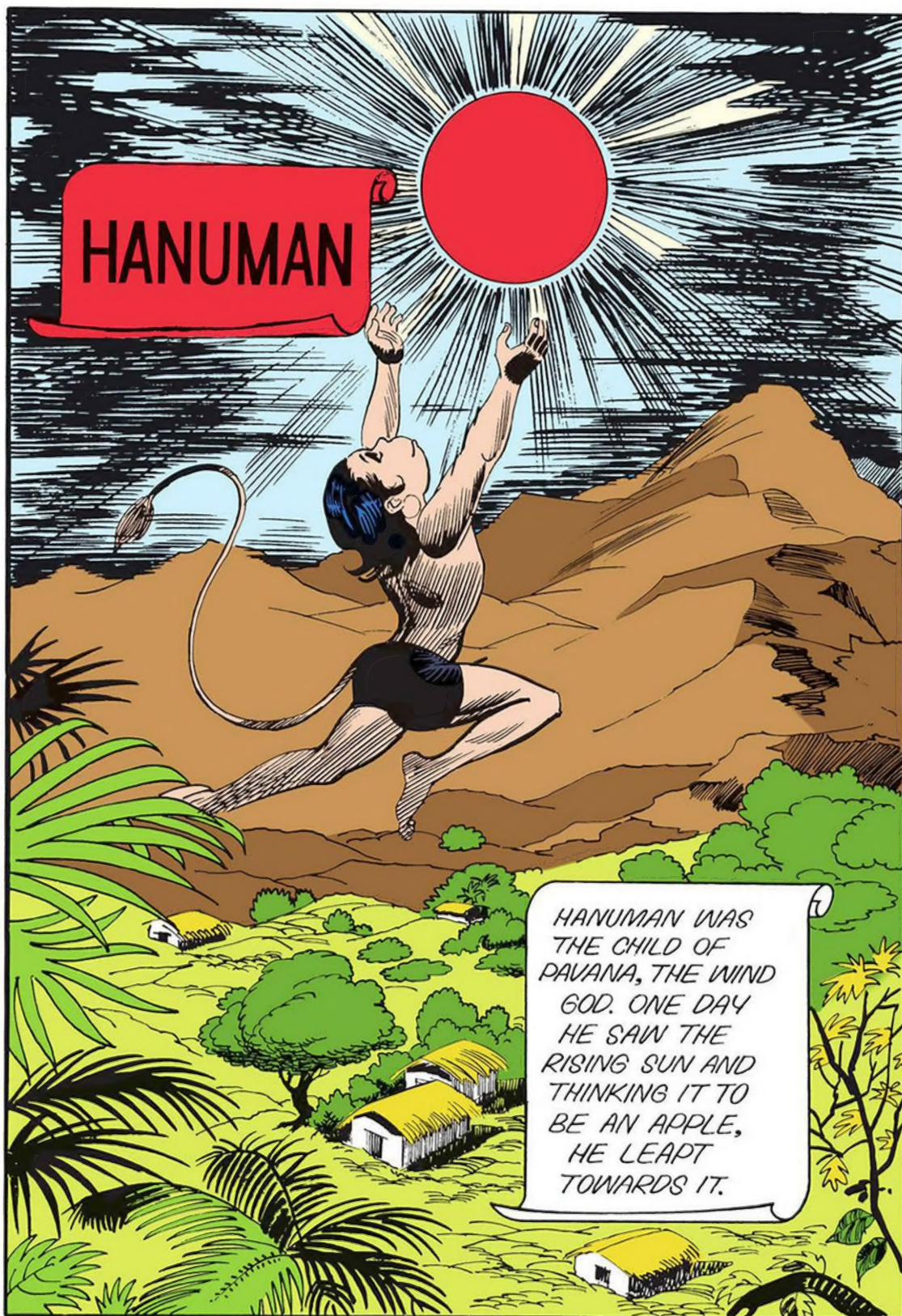
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HANUMAN

HANUMAN WAS
THE CHILD OF
PAVANA, THE WIND
GOD. ONE DAY
HE SAW THE
RISING SUN AND
THINKING IT TO
BE AN APPLE,
HE LEAPT
TOWARDS IT.

AS HE GREW, HIS STRENGTH GREW WITH HIM. ONE DAY, WITH HIS BARE HANDS, HE SAVED PRINCE SUGREEVA, FROM THE CHARGE OF A WILD ELEPHANT.

THANKS FOR YOUR TIMELY HELP, HANUMAN!

PRINCE SUGREEVA, I'M HONOURED!



WHEN VALI, THE KING OF KISHKINDHA BANISHED HIS BROTHER, SUGREEVA, FROM HIS KINGDOM, HANUMAN WENT WITH HIM TO THE JUNGLES NEAR THE RIVER PAMPA. THERE THEY LIVED A HARD LIFE.



ONE DAY—

THERE ARE TWO MEN COMING THIS WAY.

HAVE THEY COME FROM VALI? HANUMAN! PLEASE GO AND FIND OUT WHO THEY ARE.



HANUMAN ASSUMED THE FORM OF A POOR MAN AND APPROACHED THE STRANGERS.

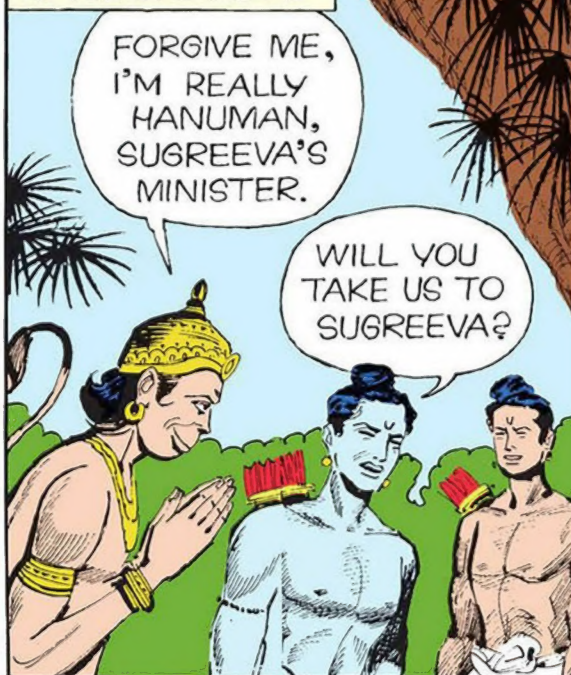


THIS IS MY ELDER BROTHER RAMA, THE BANISHED PRINCE OF AYODHYA. HIS WIFE SITA WAS ABDUCTED BY RAVANA, THE DEMON KING. WE WANT SUGREEVA TO HELP US FIND SITA.

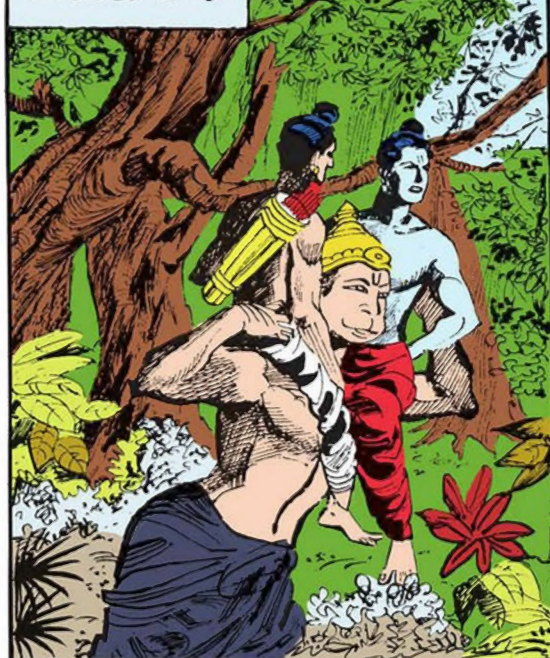


LISTENING TO LAXMANA, HANUMAN'S HEART WAS SUDDENLY FILLED WITH A STRANGE FEELING OF LOVE AND ADORATION.

HANUMAN THREW AWAY HIS DISGUISE AND FELL PROSTRATE AT RAMA'S FEET.



HANUMAN JOYFULLY CARRIED RAMA AND LAXMANA ON HIS SHOULDERS.



IT WAS A HAPPY MEETING. THE TWO BROTHERS KNEW, THEY HAD FOUND FRIENDS.



WILL YOU HELP ME KILL VALI?

WHY DO YOU WANT TO KILL YOUR BROTHER?

"ONCE VALI AND I HAD GONE TO FIGHT A DEMON. THERE WAS A BIG CAVE. VALI ASKED ME TO WAIT OUTSIDE AND WENT IN. WHEN HE DID NOT COME OUT FOR A LONG TIME, I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD AND CAME BACK.



"THE THRONE COULD NOT REMAIN VACANT. THE PEOPLE CROWNED ME AS KING. THEN ONE DAY VALI CAME BACK..."



"...AND DROVE ME AWAY."



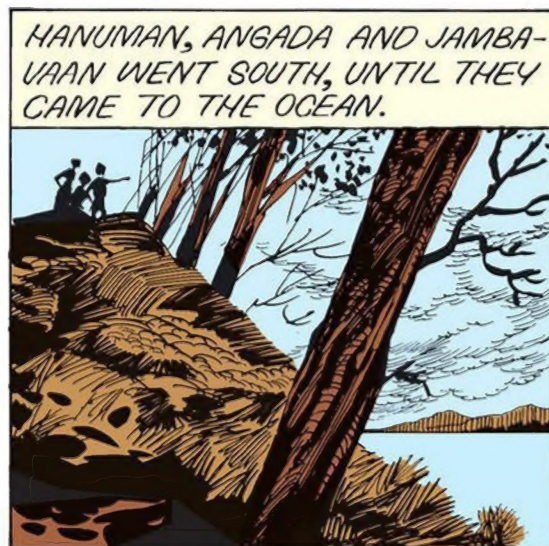
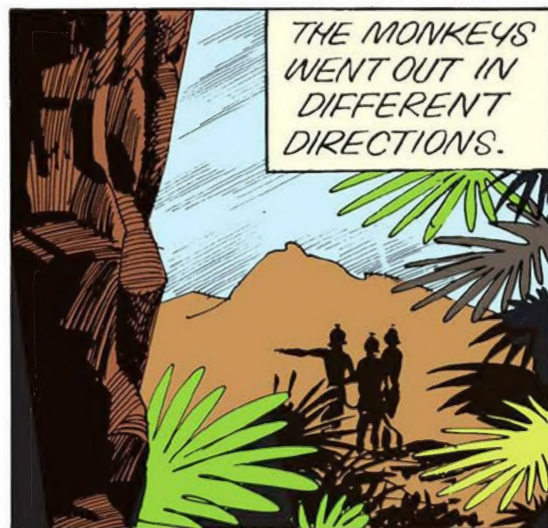


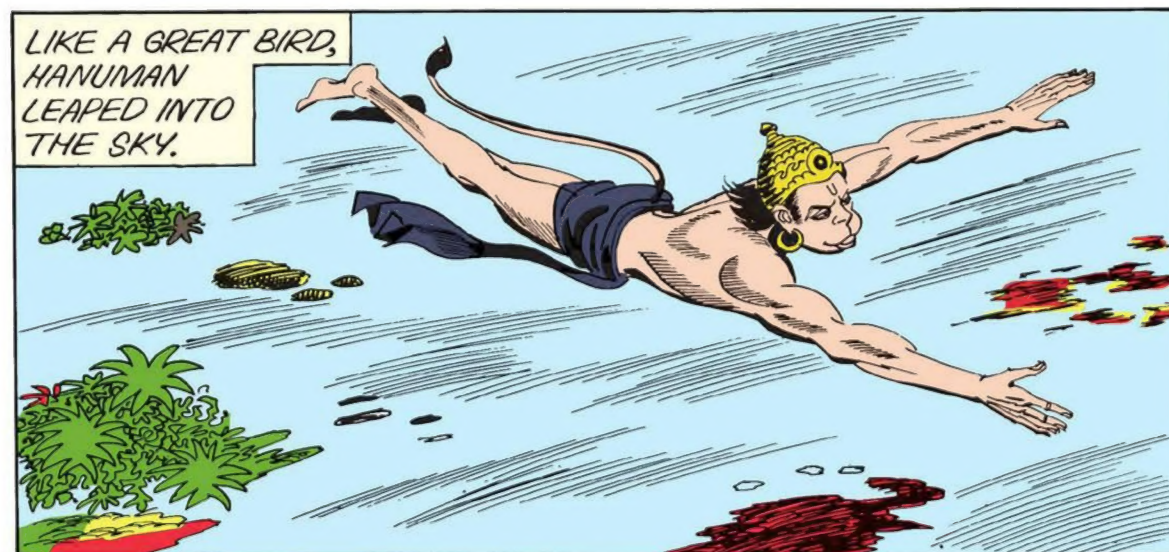
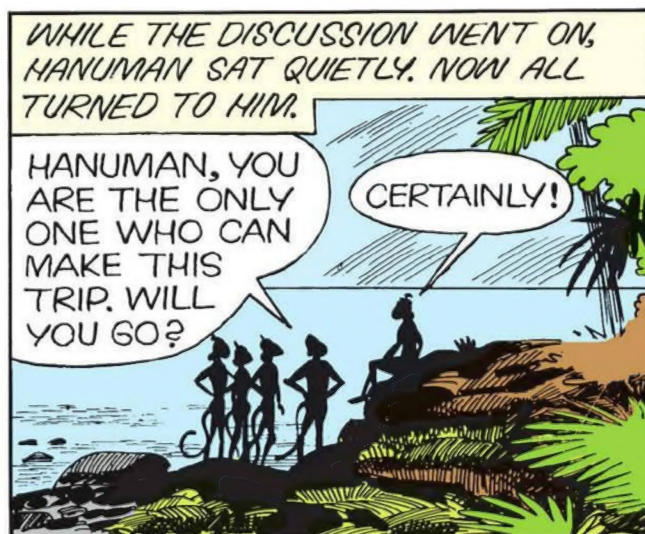
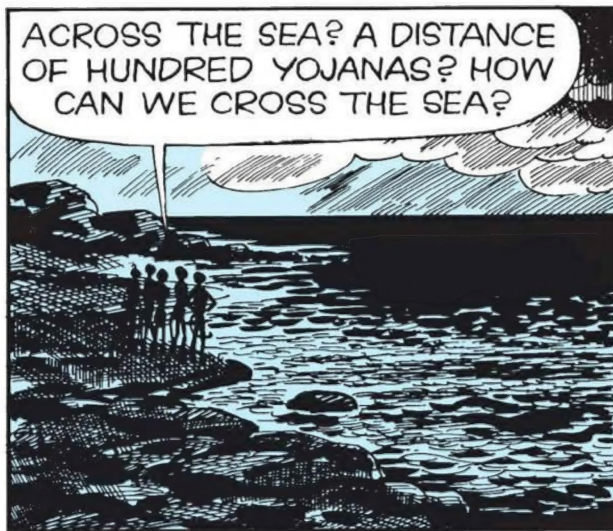
SUGREEVA CALLED VALI TO A DUEL. RAMA WAITED FOR A CHANCE TO KILL VALI. BUT HE COULD NOT RECOGNISE HIM. BOTH THE BROTHERS LOOKED ALIKE.

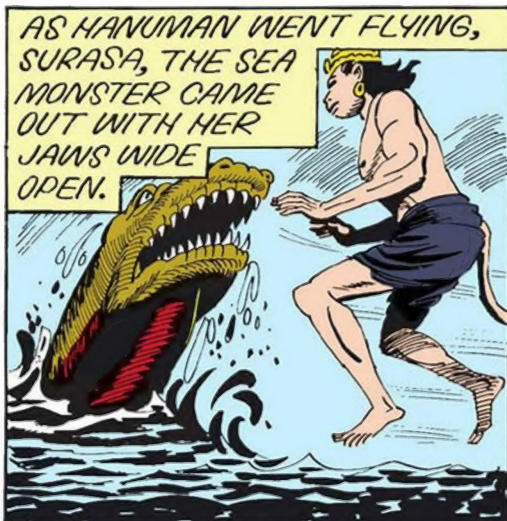
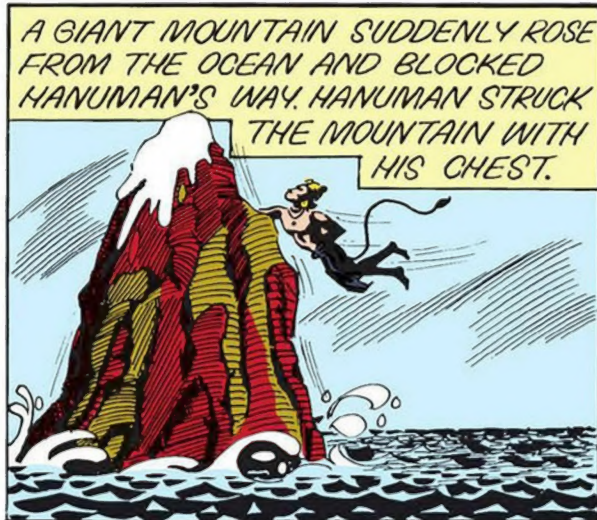


FOR THE NEXT ROUND, RAMA GAVE SUGREEVA A GARLAND TO WEAR. THIS TIME HIS ARROW FOUND ITS MARK.







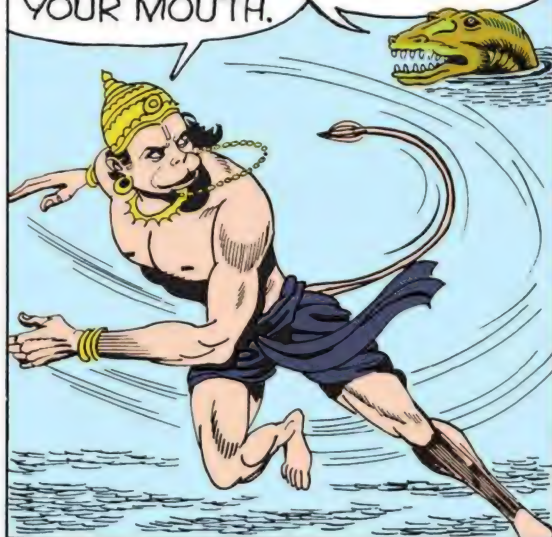


SUDDENLY HANUMAN BECAME VERY SMALL AND BEFORE THE MONSTER COULD REALISE IT, HE ENTERED HER MOUTH AND CAME OUT AGAIN.

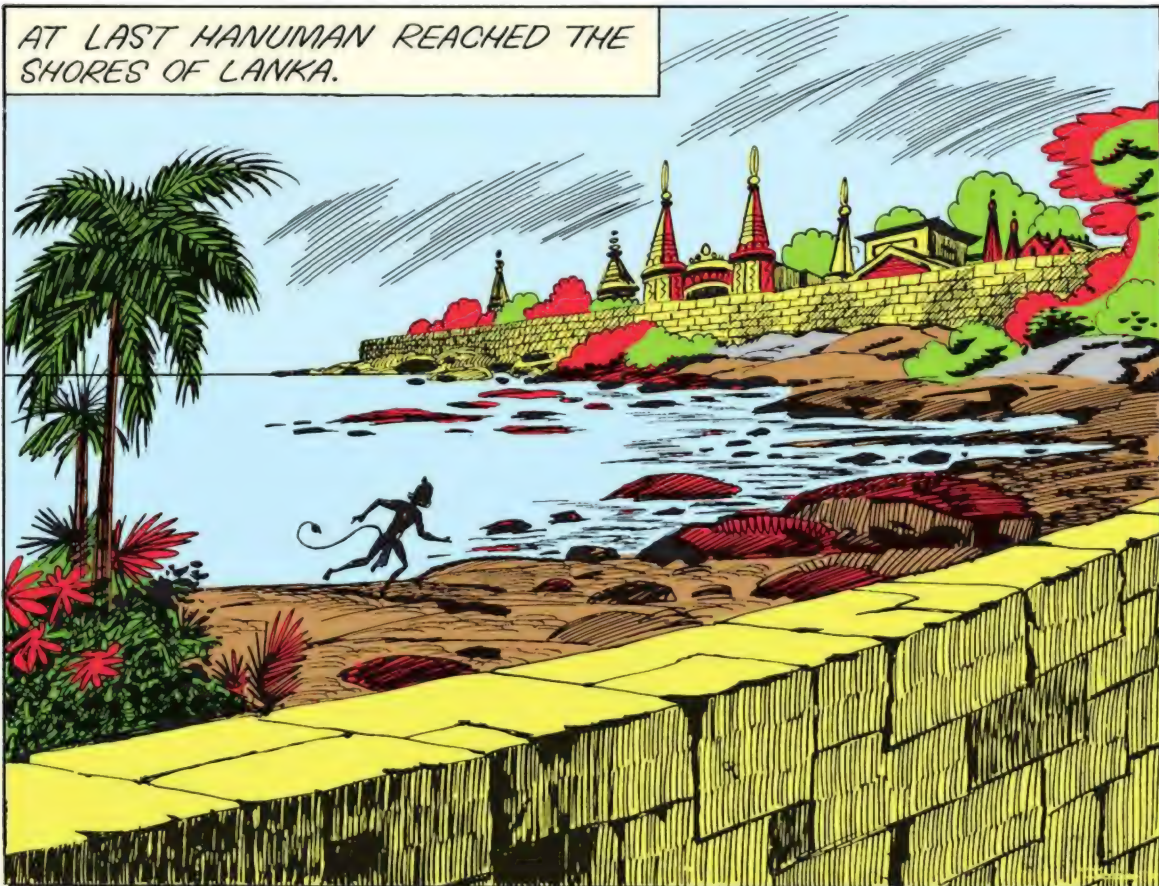


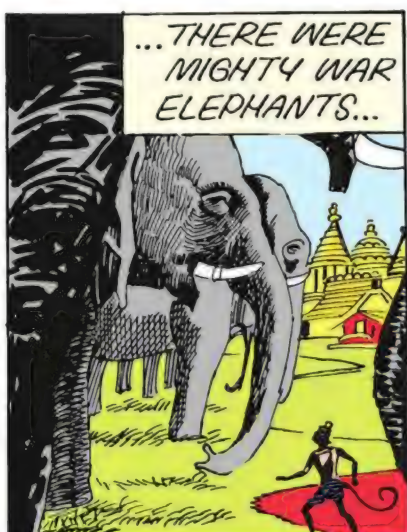
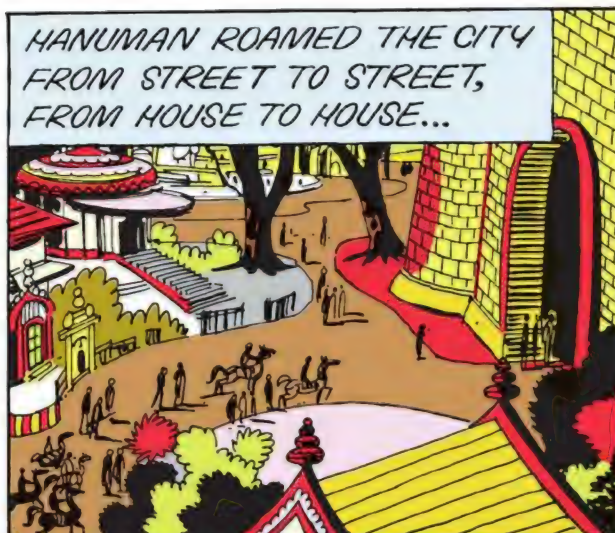
YOUR WISH IS FULFILLED. I DID ENTER YOUR MOUTH.

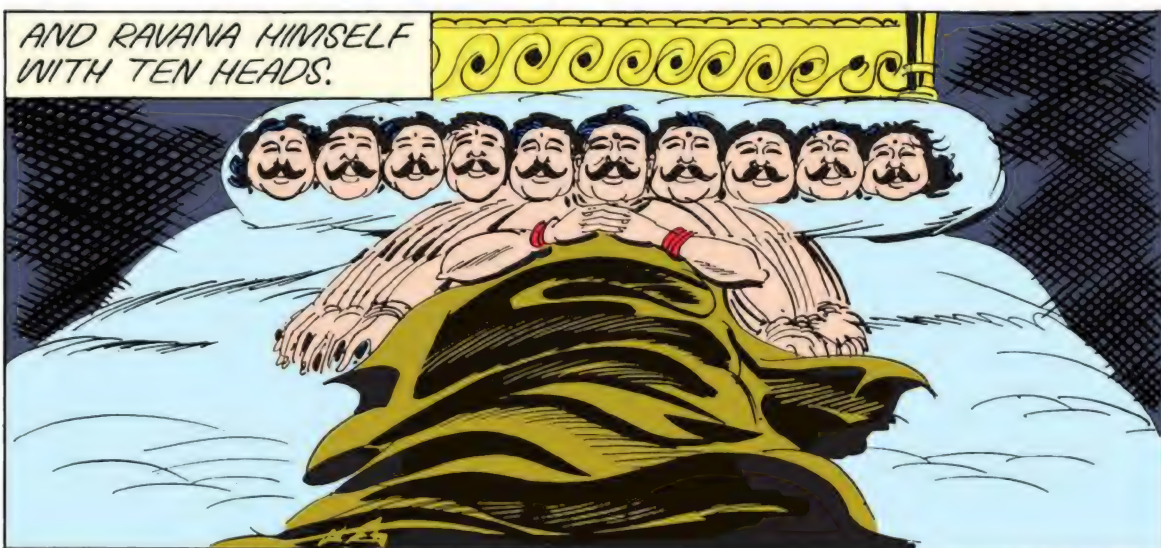
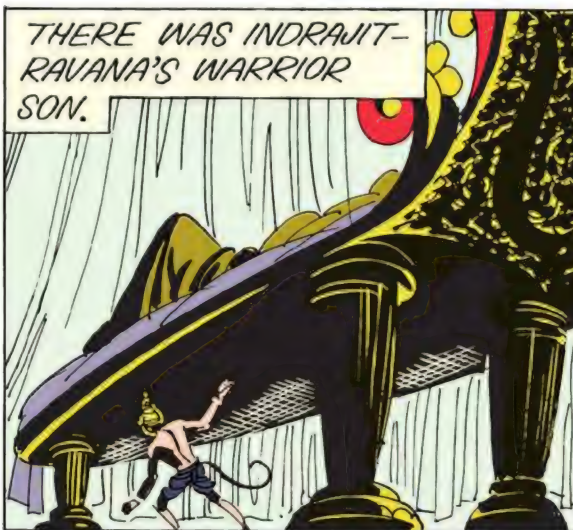
YOU ARE BRAVE. I WAS ONLY TESTING YOUR DETERMINATION.

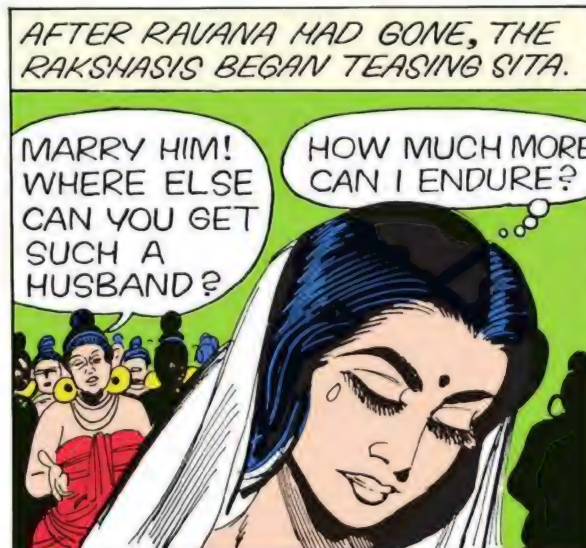
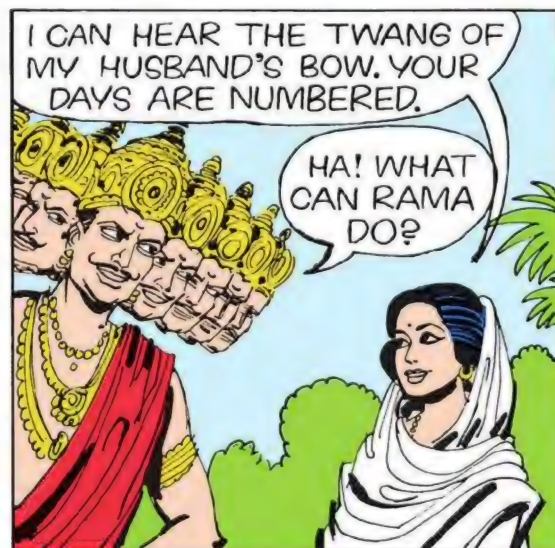
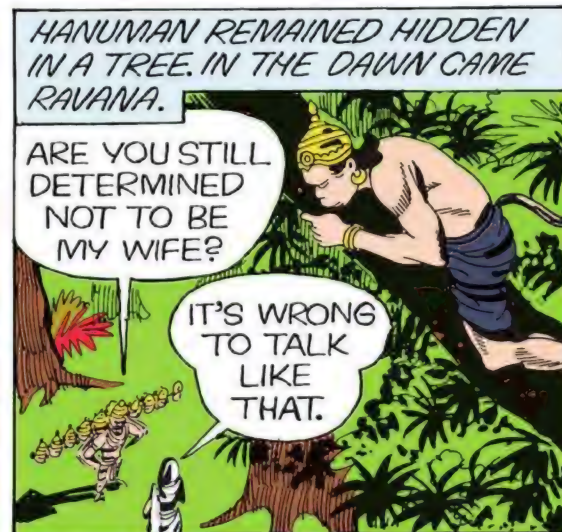
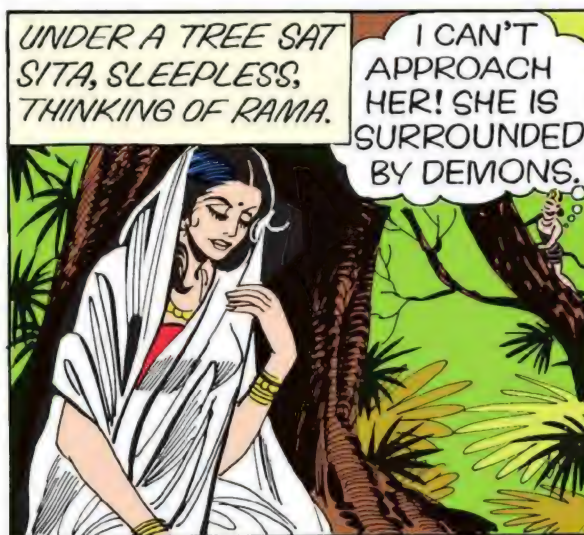
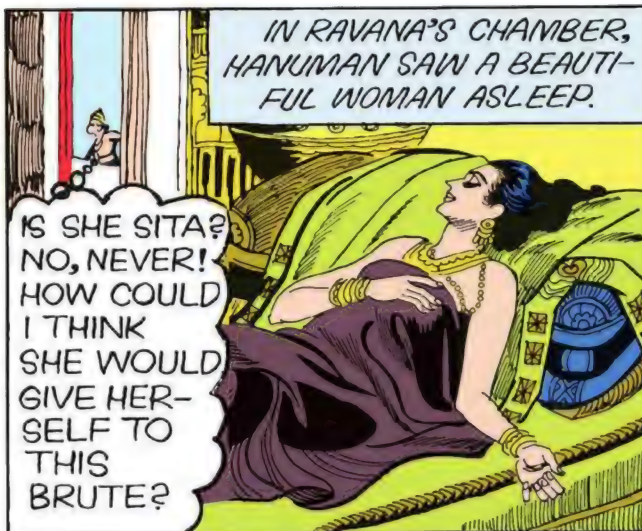


AT LAST HANUMAN REACHED THE SHORES OF LANKA.





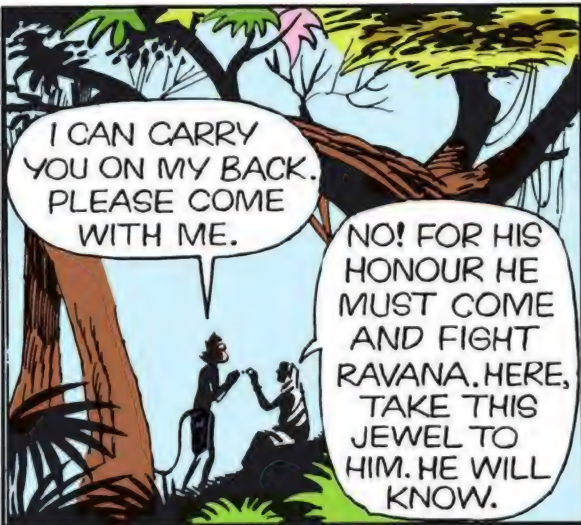




WHEN SITA WAS LEFT ALONE FOR SOME TIME, HANUMAN TOOK OUT THE SIGNET RING RAMA HAD GIVEN HIM AND DROPPED IT ON HER LAP.



HANUMAN CLIMBED DOWN FROM THE TREE AND STOOD IN FRONT OF SITA. HE RELATED EVERYTHING TO HER.

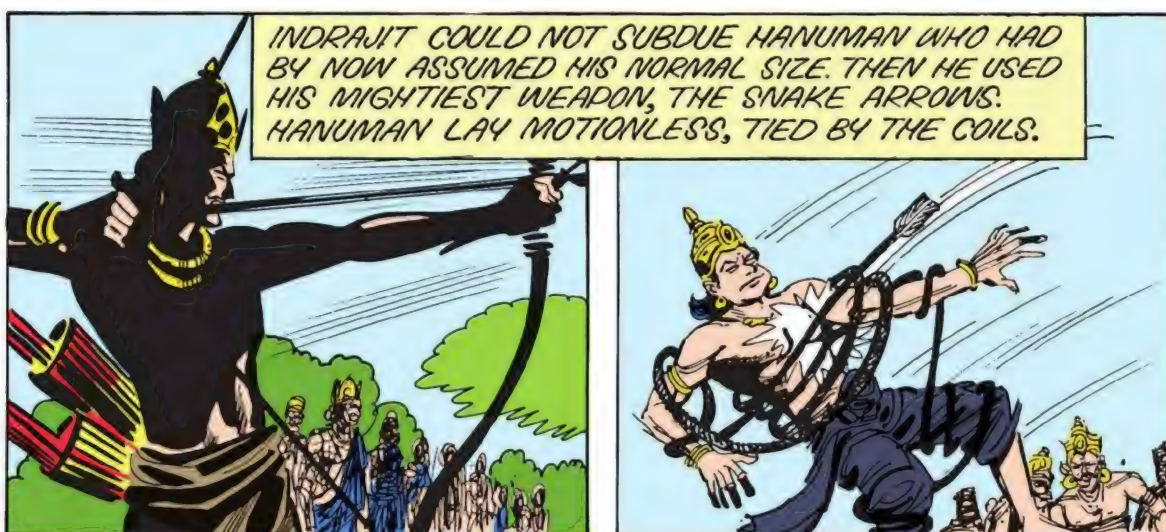


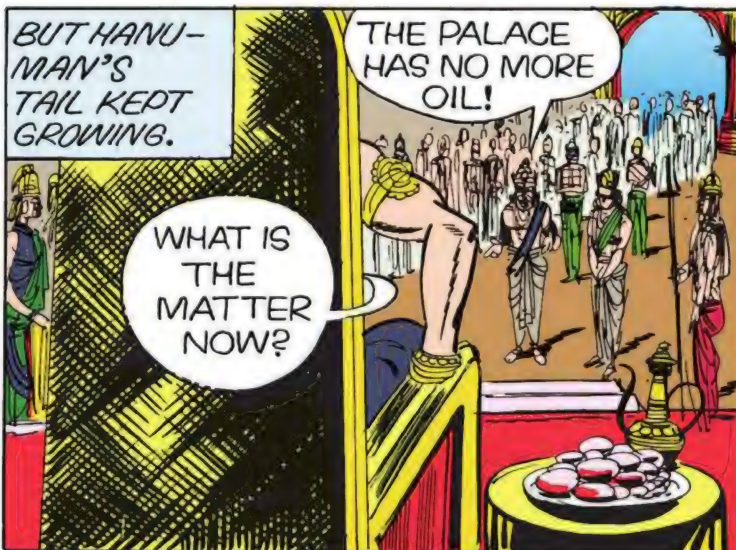
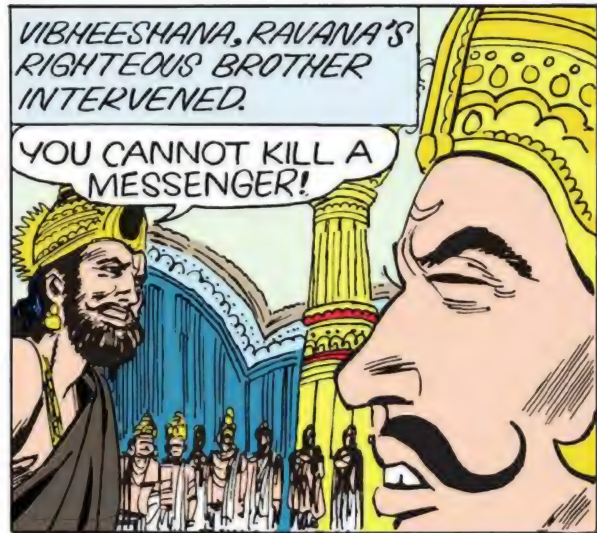
HANUMAN DECIDED TO TEACH RAVANA A LESSON.

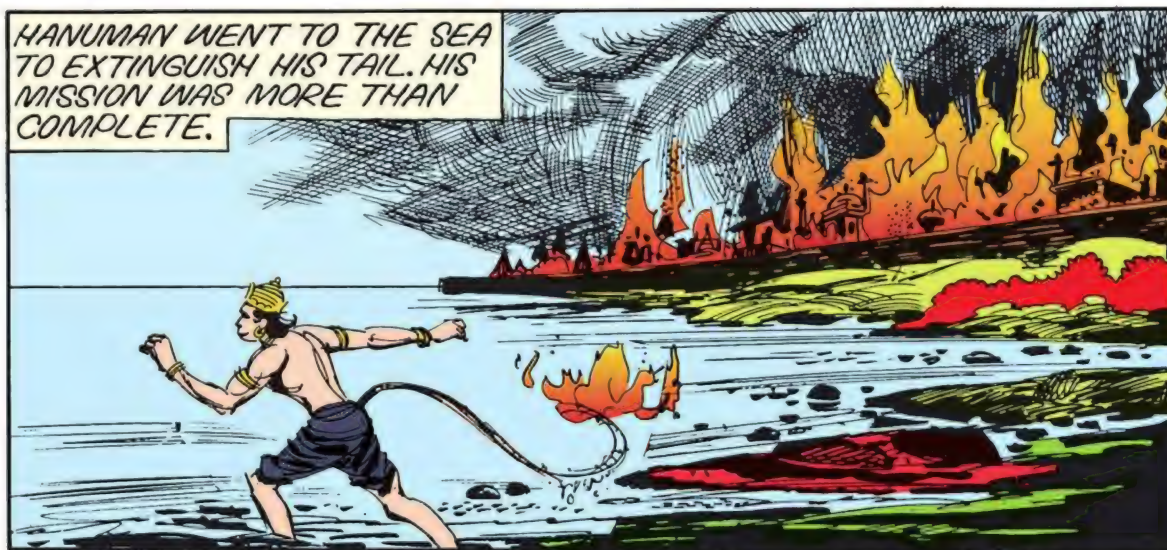
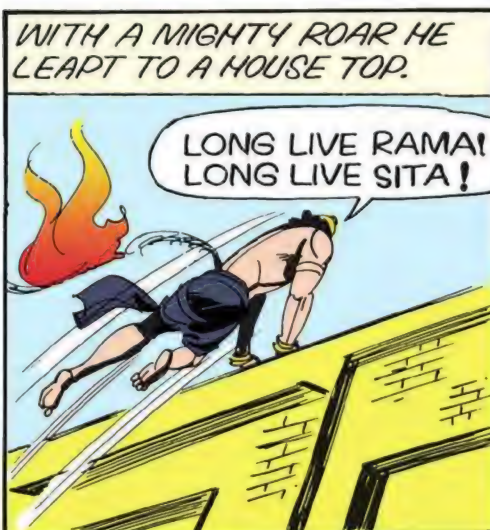


UPROOTING TREES, BEATING RAKSHASAS, HANUMAN CREATED HAVOC IN RAVANA'S PALACE.









ON THE OTHER SHORE,
THE VANARAS PATIENTLY
AWAITED HIS RETURN.



IN THEIR JOY, THE VANARAS
LIFTED HANUMAN ABOVE THEIR
HEADS AND DANCED AROUND.



THE SEARCH PARTY AT LAST
RETURNED HOME.



SUGREEVA ORDERED THE
ARMY TO ASSEMBLE...



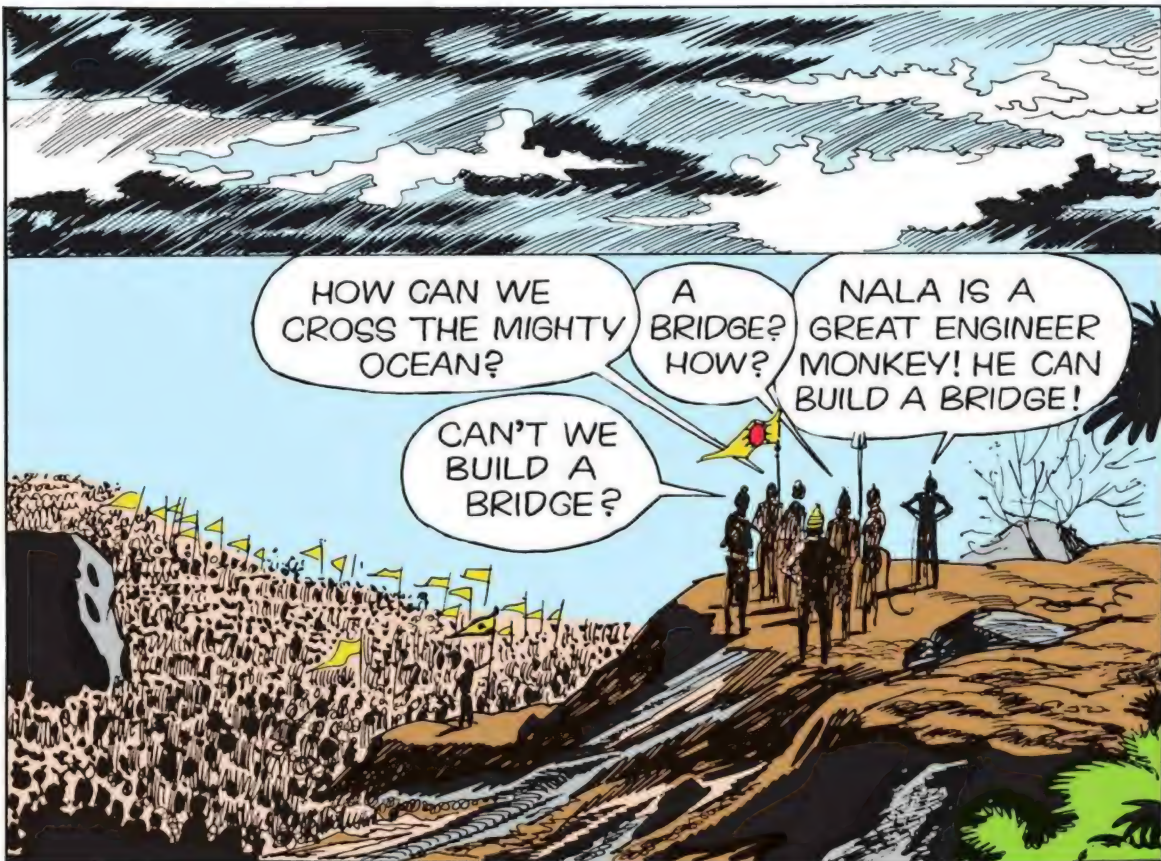
THE GREAT MONKEY ARMY
FELL IN LINE...



...AND THE GIANT BEARS
TOO!



THE GREAT ARMY REACHED THE SEASHORE.
ON THE OTHER SIDE LAY LANKA
WHERE SITA WAS A PRISONER.



MEANWHILE, VIBHEESHANA,
RAVANA'S BROTHER HAD COME
OVER TO JOIN RAMA.



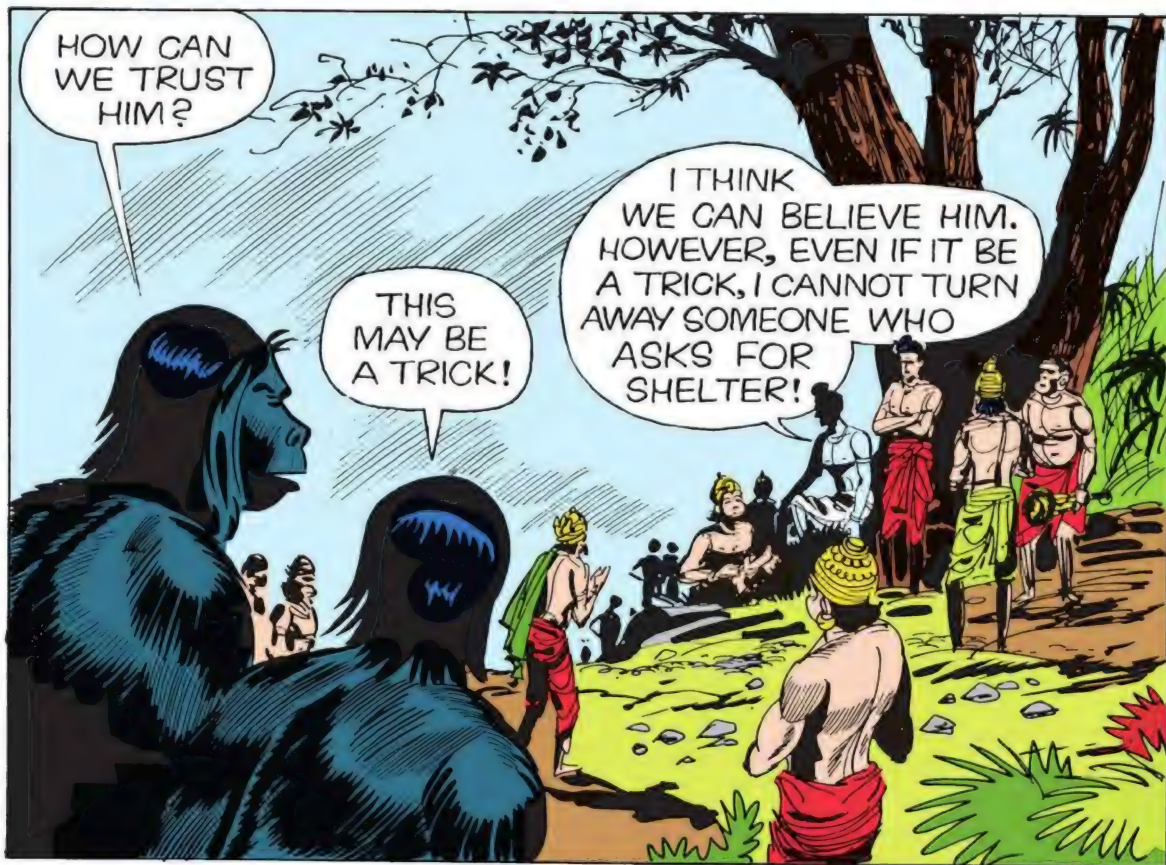
I DO NOT WISH TO LIVE
WITH MY SINFUL BROTHER
WILL YOU GIVE ME
SHELTER?



HOW CAN
WE TRUST
HIM?

THIS
MAY BE
A TRICK!

I THINK
WE CAN BELIEVE HIM.
HOWEVER, EVEN IF IT BE
A TRICK, I CANNOT TURN
AWAY SOMEONE WHO
ASKS FOR SHELTER!



SOON NALA STARTED
BUILDING A BRIDGE
OF STONES.



THE HUGE STONES WERE RE-
LAYED FROM HAND TO HAND
DOWN THE MOUNTAINS...

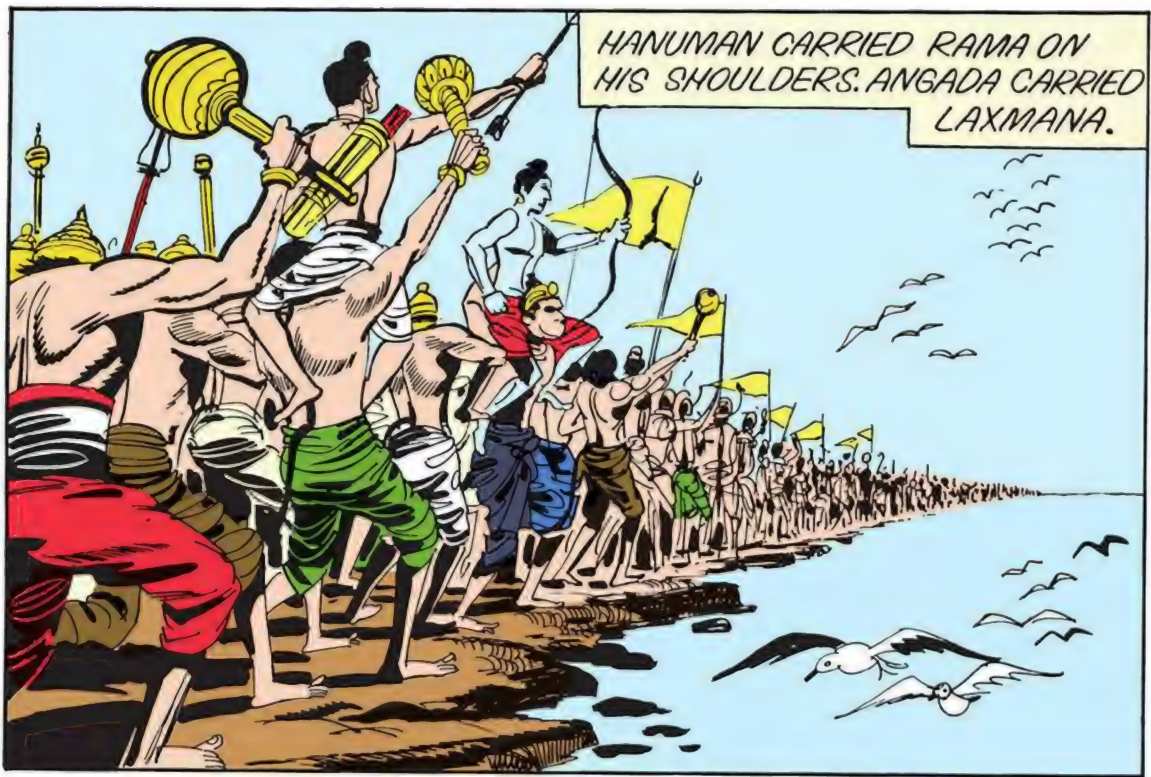


...AND THE BRIDGE WAS
READY.



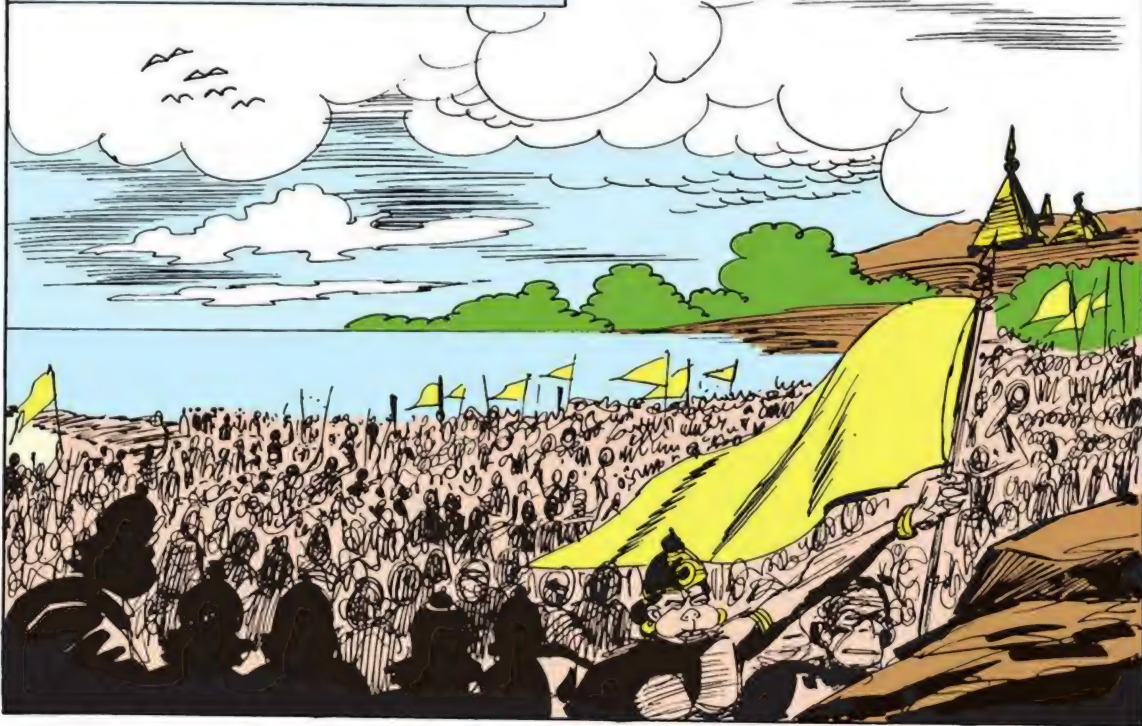
THE ARMY STARTED OUT ON
ITS MARCH.





HANUMAN CARRIED RAMA ON HIS SHOULDERS. ANGADA CARRIED LAXMANA.

THE OCEAN WAS CROSSED. RAMA'S ARMY REACHED LANKA. ON THE SEASHORE SURROUNDING THE CITY, THE ARMY SET UP CAMP.



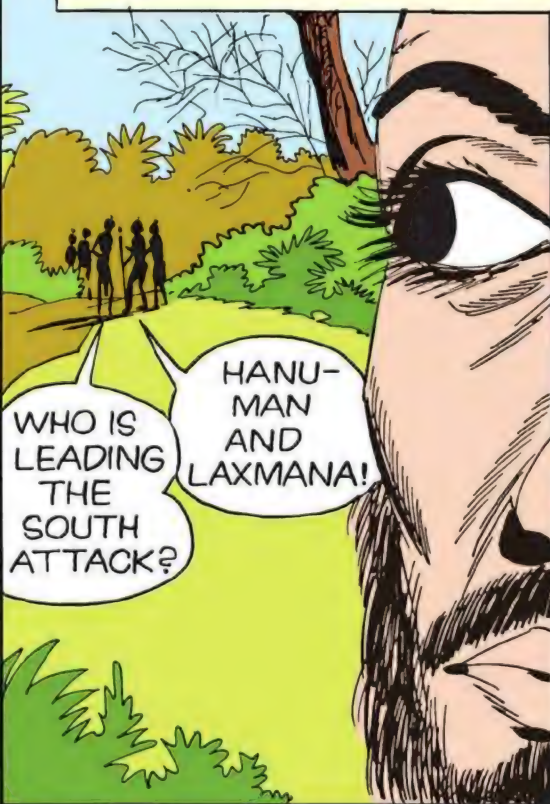
SOME RAKSHASAS CAME TO RAMA'S CAMP DISGUISED AS MONKEYS.



HOW MANY MEN DO WE HAVE IN THE NORTH?



BUT VIBHEESHANA HAD SEEN THROUGH THEIR DISGUISE.



WHO IS LEADING THE SOUTH ATTACK?

HANU-MAN AND LAXMANA!

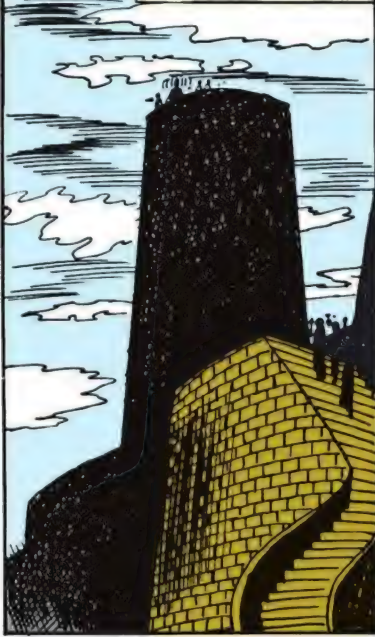
THESE ARE SPIES! SHALL WE KILL THEM?

NO, LET THEM GO. LET THEM TELL RAVANA WHAT HIS ENEMY IS LIKE!

PRINCE RAMA IS SO GENEROUS!



BEFORE THE BATTLE,
RAVANA WENT TO A
TOWER TO SURVEY
THE ENEMY.



IN THE CENTRE
THE CHARIOT
BELONGS TO
RAMA. INDRA
GAVE IT TO HIM.
TO HIS LEFT IS
SUGREEVA!



THE BATTLE STARTED.
THE MONKEYS ATTACKED
WITH HUGE BOULDERS.



THE RAKSHASA GENERAL
JAMBUMALI CAME TO FIGHT
WITH HANUMAN. HANUMAN
SMASHED HIS CHARIOT.



HANUMAN
LIFTED RAMA
AND LAKSHMA-
NA TO HIS
SHOULDERS.
FROM THIS
HIGH PERCH,
THEIR ARROWS
FOUND
PERFECT
MARKS.

DHUMRAKSHA CAME WITH A HUGE ARMY. HE WAS ONE OF RAVANA'S BEST GENERALS.



HANUMAN LIFTED HIM IN ONE HAND AND KILLED HIM.



NEXT TO COME WAS THE VICIOUS GIANT AKAMPANA. THE VANARAS RAN AWAY AT THE SIGHT OF HIM.



DON'T RUN AWAY!
DON'T BE AFRAID!

HANUMAN UPROOTED A TREE AND KILLED AKAMPANA. HUNDREDS OF RAKSHASAS DIED CRUSHED BY THIS GIANT'S BODY.



WE MUST DESTROY THEM.

DO NOT WORRY, FATHER!
I SHALL KILL THEM ALL! THEY CANNOT EVEN SEE ME.

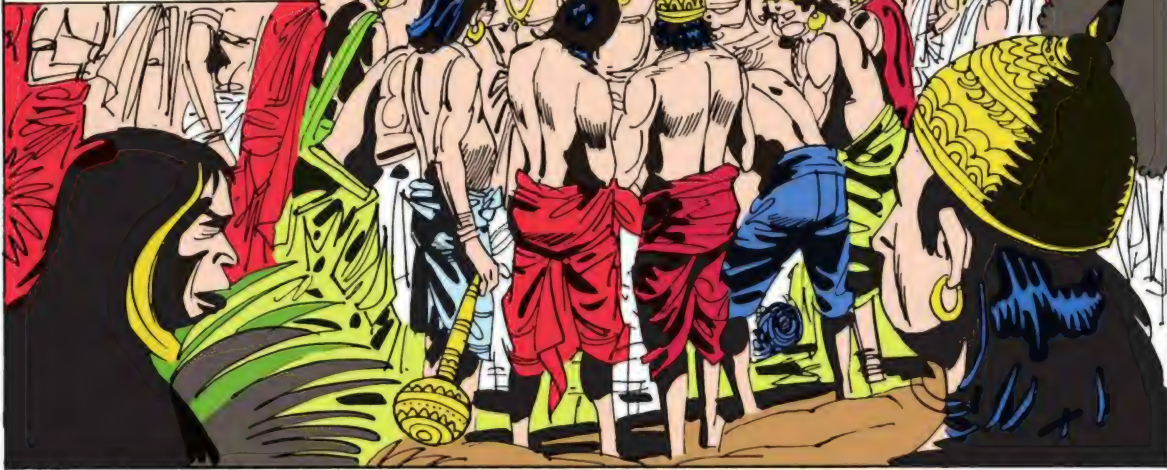
AKAMPANA'S DEATH CAME AS A SHOCK TO RAVANA. MANY OF HIS GENERALS WERE DEAD. HIS GRIEF INCREASED HIS RAGE.

RAVANA'S SON INDRAJIT HAD RECEIVED A BOON FROM THE GODS. HE COULD FIGHT ANYONE WITHOUT BEING SEEN BY THE ENEMY.



LOOK!
LAXMANA IS HIT BY AN ARROW!

WHEN THE BATTLE CEASED FOR THE DAY,
(THEY NEVER FOUGHT AFTER SUNSET IN
THOSE DAYS) ALL STOOD
AROUND THE
FALLEN LAXMA-
NA, THEIR HEARTS
HEAVY WITH
GRIEF.



WHAT SHALL
WE DO?

BRING THE
PHYSICIAN.

HANUMAN RUSHED TO ANOTHER
PART OF THE BATTLE FIELD
WHERE HE FOUND SUSHENA.

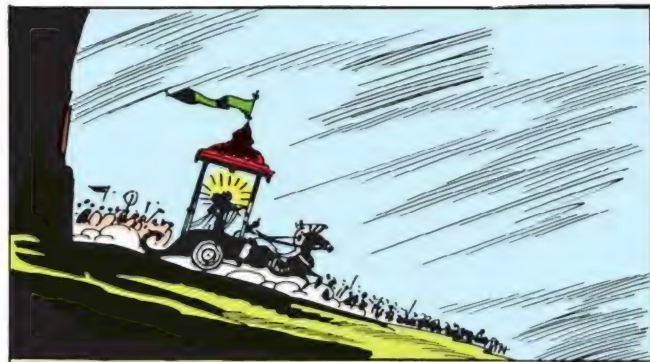
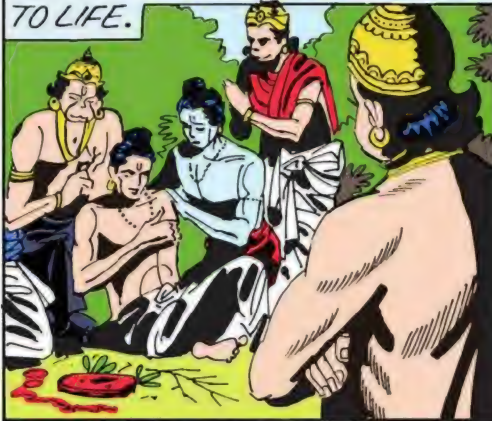
WHERE
ARE YOU
TAKING ME?

YOU MUST
CURE MY
PRINCE!





LAXMANA WAS SOON CURED. NOT ONLY HE, BUT THOUSANDS OF OTHER MONKEYS CAME BACK TO LIFE.



AS THE BATTLE STARTED AGAIN, RAVANA CAME OUT TO FIGHT IN HIS GOLDEN CHARIOT, HIS CROWN DAZZLING IN THE SUNLIGHT.

NO ONE COULD WITHHOLD HIS ATTACK. THEN RAMA, RIDING ON HANUMAN'S SHOULDERS, ATTACKED THE RAKSHA-SA KING.



RAMA'S ARROW CUT DOWN RAVANA'S CHARIOT. HE STOOD ON THE BATTLE GROUND, FACING DEATH.



THE COUNCIL OF WAR IN RAVANA'S COURT.



KUMBHAKARNA USED TO SLEEP FOR SIX MONTHS AT A STRETCH.



AT LAST, THE GIANT'S SLEEP WAS BROKEN.



LIKE A TYPHOON, KUMBHAKARNA CAME TO THE BATTLE. THOUSANDS PERISHED UNDER HIS FEET.



RAMA'S ARROWS CUT HIS HEAD OFF.

RAVANA HAS NOBODY ELSE TO FIGHT FOR HIM.

INDRAJIT HAS GONE TO OFFER A SACRIFICE.

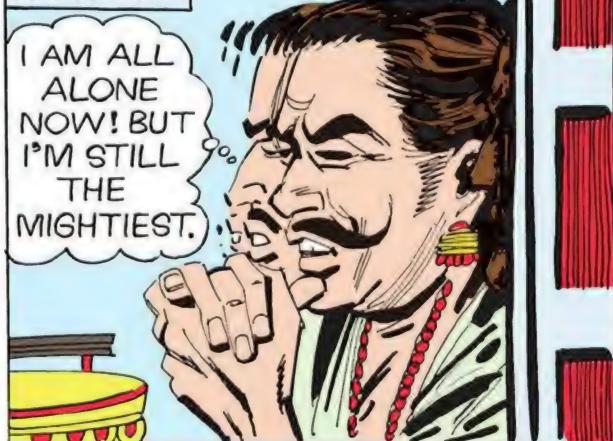


IF INDRAJIT COULD COMPLETE HIS SACRIFICIAL PRAYER, HE WOULD BECOME INVINCIBLE. BUT HIS PRAYER WAS NOT COMPLETED.

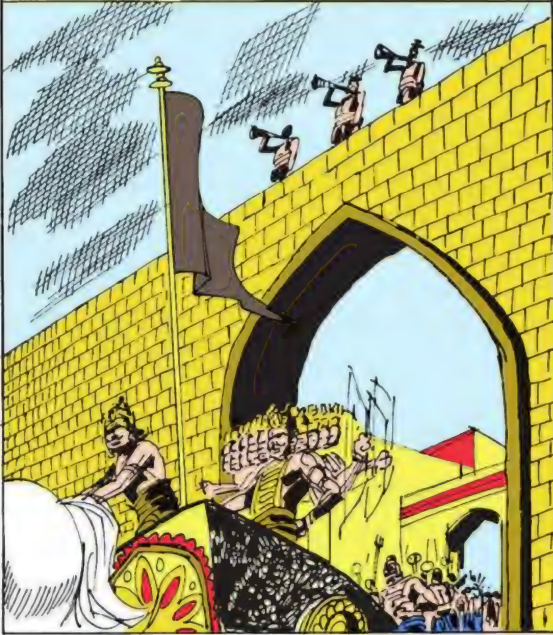


WHEN THE NEWS OF INDRAJIT'S DEATH REACHED RAVANA—

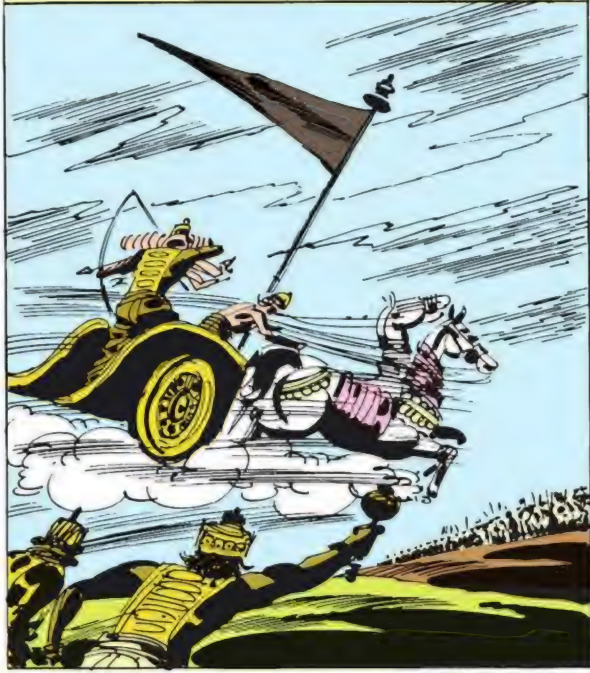
I AM ALL ALONE NOW! BUT I'M STILL THE MIGHTIEST.



IT WAS TIME FOR THE LAST BATTLE. RAVANA CAME TO THE GATES OF LANKA. OUTSIDE, THE VANARA ARMY WAITED.



RAVANA RODE ON HIS CHARIOT, LIKE LIGHTNING, TEARING THROUGH THE RANKS OF THE VANARA ARMY.



RAVANA WAS A GREAT WARRIOR. THE BATTLE THAT RAGED WAS FIERCE.



AT LAST RAVANA CAME FACE TO FACE WITH RAMA. RAMA PICKED UP HIS BOW FOR THE LAST ARROW OF THIS GREAT BATTLE.



THE EVIL ENEMY HAD BEEN DESTROYED. VIRTUE HAD WON OVER GREED AND LUST.



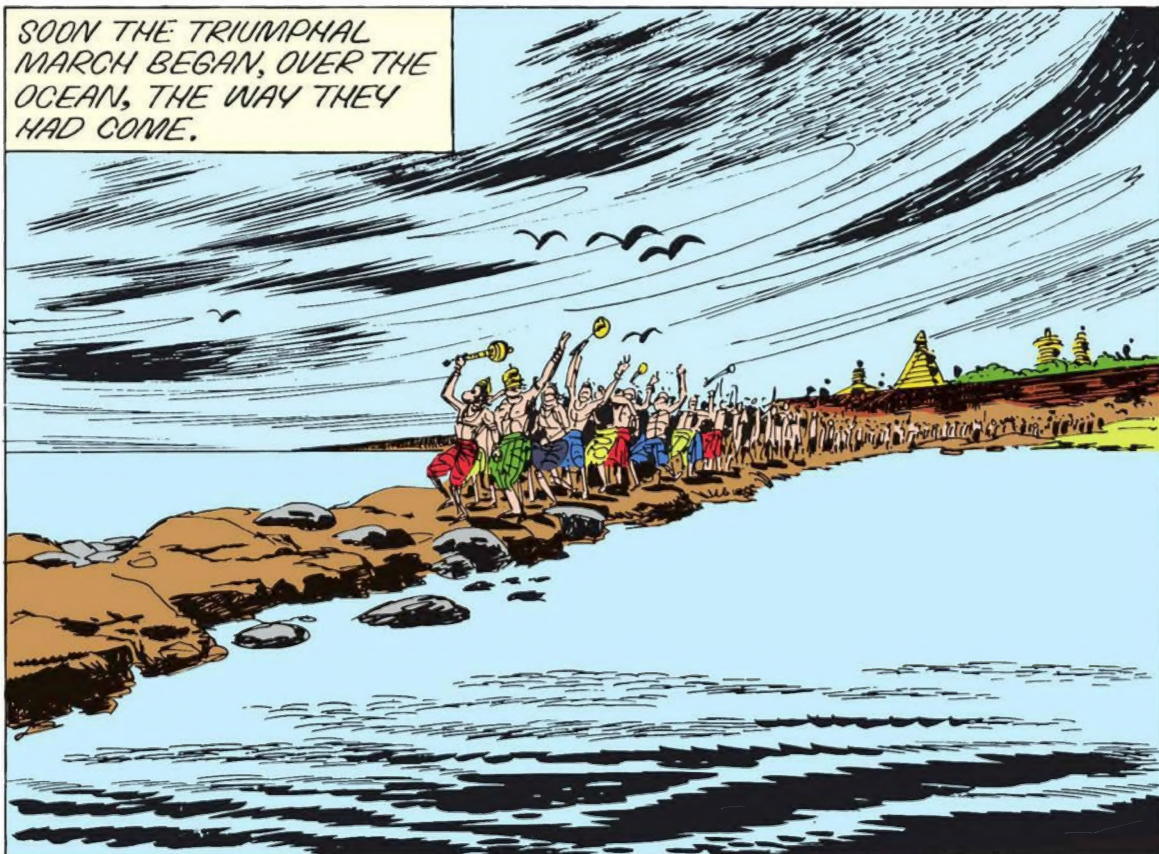
THE KING HAD DIED. THE CITY OF LANKA WAS DARK AND MOURNFUL.



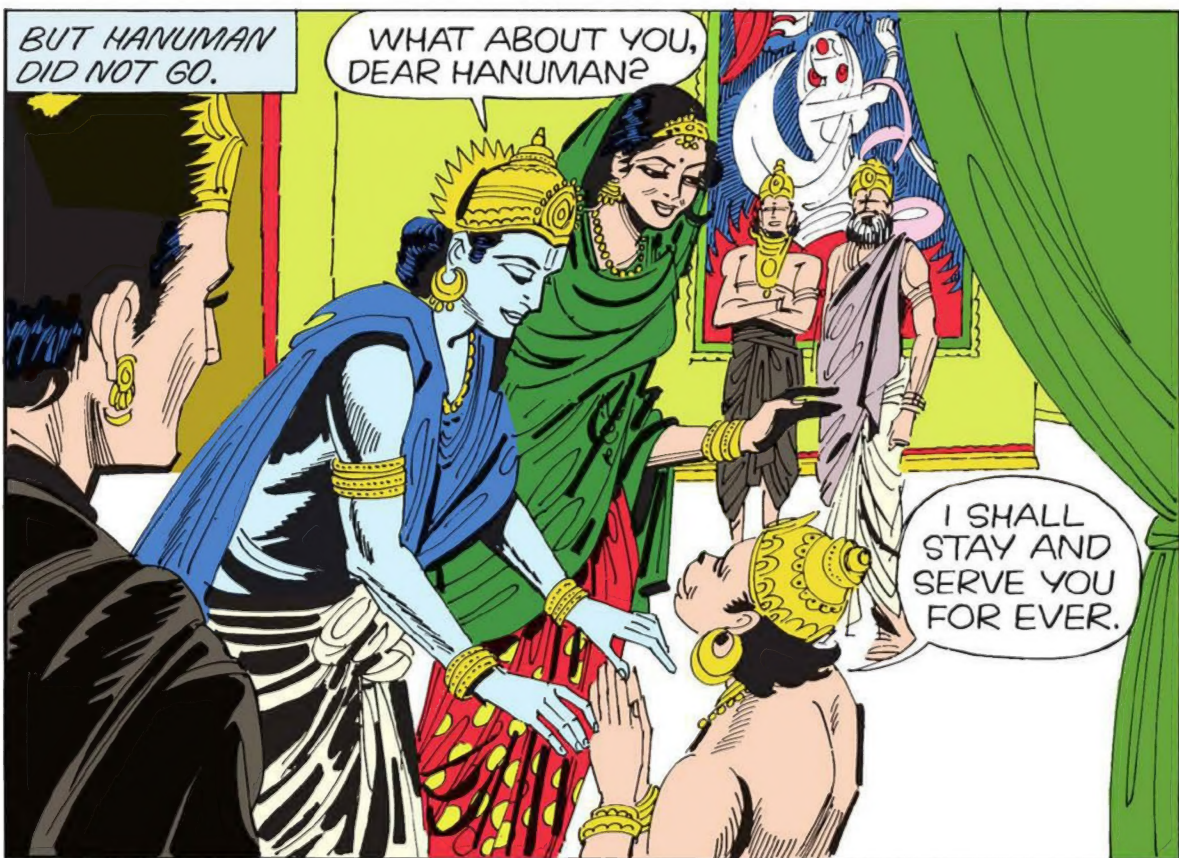
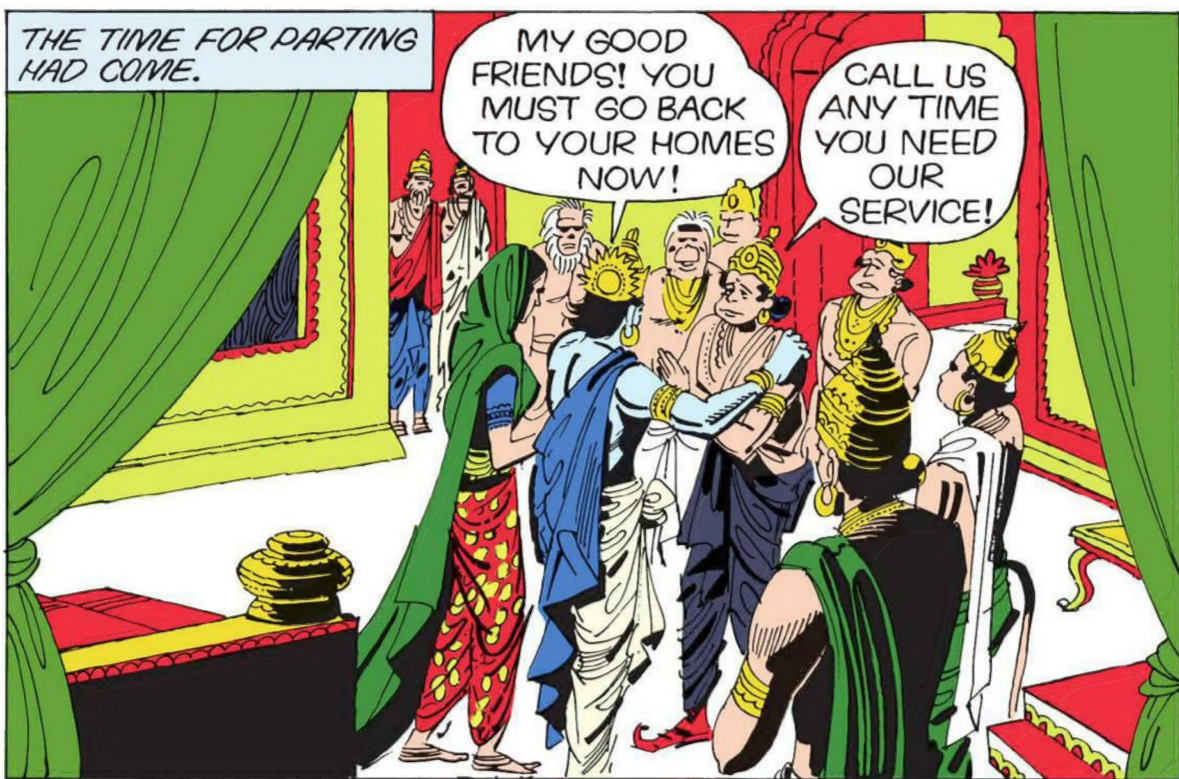
VIBHEESHANA WAS CROWNED THE KING OF LANKA.



SOON THE TRIUMPHAL MARCH BEGAN, OVER THE OCEAN, THE WAY THEY HAD COME.



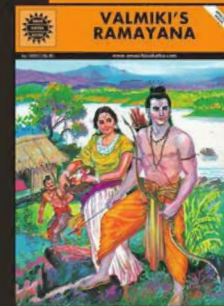
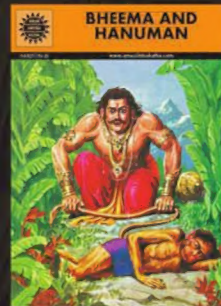
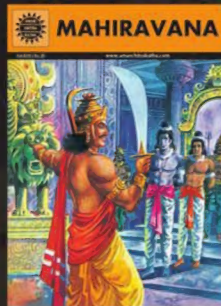
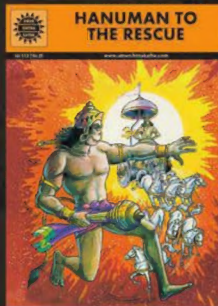




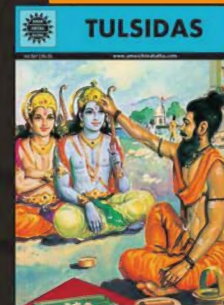
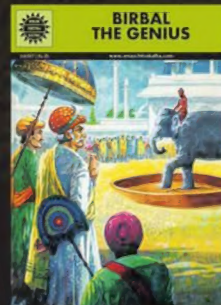
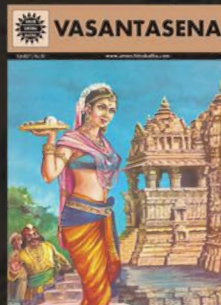
HANUMAN

Hanuman stands for extraordinary physical strength, courage and humility. Above all, he is known for his devotion to Rama. So, it was little wonder that Rama entrusted Hanuman with the task of carrying his message to Sita in Lanka. Again, it was Hanuman who brought him the life-giving Sanjeevani to revive his beloved brother Lakshmana who had been grievously injured on the battlefield. Even today, Hanuman is regarded as the epitome of unfaltering devotion and unparalleled strength.

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